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15:02 - 15:10	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:24) 15:2 When I use the term "diversion," do you 15:3 know are you familiar with that term?	VM12a.1
	<ul><li>15:4 A. Certainly, yes.</li><li>15:5 Q. What does that mean to you?</li></ul>	
	<ul><li>15:6 A. Prescription medication that is diverted</li><li>15:7 from its original intent of medicinal use to other</li><li>15:8 persons or for other uses.</li></ul>	
	15:9 Q. Okay. And is diversion a crime? 15:10 A. Yes, it is.	
33:18 - 34:06	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:39)	VM12a.2
	33:18 Q. Do you understand that McKesson, 33:19 AmerisourceBergen and Cardinal Health are licensed 33:20 distributors of controlled substances, including	
	<ul><li>33:21 prescription? Opioids?</li><li>33:22 A. Yes, I was aware of that.</li><li>33:23 Q. And do you understand that that means that</li></ul>	
	33:24 they purchase controlled substances from 34:1 manufacturers and sell them to pharmacies?	
	34:2 A. Yes.	
	<ul><li>34:3 Q. And then pharmacies distribute those</li><li>34:4 controlled substances to patients based on</li></ul>	
	34:5 prescriptions written from physicians? 34:6 A. Yes.	
34:13 - 35:21	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:40)	VM12a.3
	34:13 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge of any 34:14 distribution of prescription medications by any of 34:15 the defendants in this case?	
	<ul><li>34:16 A. I do not.</li><li>34:17 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge of any</li></ul>	
	34:18 wrongdoing or alleged wrongdoing by any of the 34:19 defendants in this case? 34:20 A. I do not.	
	34:21 Q. Do you have any knowledge about the systems 34:22 that any of the defendants have in place to prevent 34:23 diversion of prescription opioids?	
	34:24 A. I do not. 35:1 Q. And so I'm assuming then that because you	
	35:2 don't have any knowledge of those systems, you're 35:3 not able to identify any aspects of those systems	

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	35:4 that you would consider to be defective or	
	35:5 anything like that?	
	35:6 A. That's correct. I would not.	
	35:7 Q. Do you know anything about what information	
	35:8 any of the defendants in this case reported to the	
	35:9 DEA?	
	35:10 A. I do not.	
	35:11 Q. Do you have any knowledge about what	
	35:12 information the defendants were required to report	
	35:13 to the DEA?	
	35:14 A. I do not.	
	35:15 Q. Do you know anything about what information	
	35:16 any of the defendants in this case were required to	
	35:17 report to the State of West Virginia?	
	35:18 A. I do not.	
	35:19 Q. Or the information that they reported to	
	35:20 the State of West Virginia?	
	35:21 A. No, I do not.	
38:05 - 38:08	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:13)	VM12a.4
	38:5 Q. Do you know where the what are the	
	38:6 places of origin of the illegal fentanyl that	
	38:7 you're seeing now?	
	38:8 A. The vast majority	
38:15 - 38:17	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:08)	VM12a.5
	38:15 A. Just generally speaking, a large portion of	
	38:16 it comes from China, shipped from China. And	
	38:17 that's public knowledge, obviously.	
39:04 - 40:02	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:12)	VM12a.6
	39:4 Q. And we talked a little bit already about	
	39:5 the term "diversion" and what that means. So does	
	39:6 a person who diverts a pharmaceutical drug, that's	
	39:7 a crime, correct?	
	39:8 A. Correct.	
	39:9 Q. And does the person who possesses a	
	39:10 diverted pharmaceutical drug and uses the drug	
	39:11 without a legitimate medical purpose also commit a	
	39:12 crime?	
	39:13 A. Yes.	
	39:14 Q. And what are some ways that diversion can	
	39:15 occur?	

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	39:16 A. Well, certainly an individual that is	
	39:17 prescribed the medication legitimately can then	
	39:18 bring that drug back, sell the drug, give the drug	
	39:19 away. It can be stolen from a pharmacy, diverted	
	39:20 in that manner.	
	39:21 It can be stolen from a distributor.	
	39:22 False prescriptions can be obtained or written by	
	39:23 an individual, taken to a pharmacy and the many	
	39:24 times, the prescription may or may not be filled;	
	40:1 then those drugs are diverted from its intended	
	40:2 purpose.	
40:11 - 40:14	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:10)	VM12a.7
	40:11 Q. And have you seen examples of all the	
	40:12 various types of diversion that you just describe	
	40:13 during your career?	
	40:14 A. Yes.	
42:16 - 44:20	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:02:37)	VM12a.8
	42:16 Q. All right. So what is a high-intensity	
	42:17 drug trafficking area?	
	42:18 A. Well, in 1988, Congress, through the	
	42:19 anti-drug abuse act, formed the HIDTA program. At	
	42:20 that time, they formed five HIDTAs, and they put	
	42:21 those HIDTAs at what was then thought to be the	
	42:22 gateway areas throughout the country that drugs	
	42:23 were distributed.	
	42:24 Some were along the southwest border to	
	43:1 try to interdict the drugs as they come into the	
	43:2 country. There was one in Florida. Obviously, if	
	43:3 you think back to the late '80s, that's when the	
	43:4 cocaine epidemic was at its highest to intercept	
	43:5 the drugs coming from the Caribbean and Mexico.	
	43:6 And then other major spots. Over the	
	43:7 course of the next 30 years there's now 29	
	43:8 HIDTAs across the nation with every state	
	43:9 represented to some degree in the HIDTA program.	
	43:10 And the purpose of the HIDTA program is	
	43:11 to bring state and local and federal agencies	
	43:12 together, working under one umbrella, co-located	
	43:13 and commingled, to fight the drug epidemic.	
	43:14 It breaks down barriers to have all of	

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	43:15 those different agencies housed together, you know,	
	43:16 federal, state and local agencies, to form a task	
	43:17 force to investigate drug trafficking	
	43:18 organizations.	
	43:19 Appalachia HIDTA, if you want any more	
	43:20 clarification want me to stop, just let me know.	
	43:21 But Appalachia HIDTA became into existence in 1998.	
	43:22 It was designated by the Office of National Drug	
	43:23 Control Policy to be a marijuana HIDTA only.	
	43:24 At that time, the Appalachian region	
	44:1 was the number one marijuana-producing region in	
	44:2 the nation, so they obligated federal funds to try	
	44:3 to eradicate the marijuana before it was	
	44:4 disseminated across the nation.	
	44:5 Obviously, the amount of marijuana that	
	44:6 was produced in this region was not all consumed	
	44:7 here; it was being shipped across the nation. So	
	44:8 at that time, it was simply a marijuana HIDTA.	
	44:9 In 2002, it became a poly-drug HIDTA	
	44:10 just like every other HIDTA because of the	
	44:11 emergency drug threats that the Appalachian region	
	44:12 had. Each HIDTA is governed by an executive board,	
	44:13 and that executive board determines how the funds	
	44:14 will be spent by the HIDTA that's received from	
	44:15 ONDCP.	
	44:16 So ONDCP doesn't put any stipulations	
	44:17 on the funding once it's given to HIDTA, it's	
	44:18 solely up to the executive board to determined how	
	44:19 those funds are spent and which threat needs to be	
	44:20 addressed.	
45:14 - 46:01	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:44)	VM12a.9
	45:14 Q. Was 1998 when Appalachia HIDTA was	
	45:15 created? Is that when Huntington and Cabell County	
	45:16 were first included in a HIDTA?	
	45:17 A. That's correct.	
	45:18 Q. And you told us that that was a	
	45:19 marijuana-only HIDTA?	
	45:20 A. That's correct. Until 2002.	
	45:21 Q. And then in two thousand and has have	
	45:22 Huntington and Cabell County continuously been	

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	45:23 within the geography of Appalachia HIDTA since	
	45:24 1998?	
	46:1 A. Yes.	
46:02 - 46:18	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:50)	VM12a.10
	46:2 Q. Are there specific requirements for a HIDTA	
	46:3 designation?	
	46:4 A. Yes, there are. There are four criteria	
	46:5 and I couldn't articulate those four verbatim. But	
	46:6 the one that is most sometimes most difficult to	
	46:7 articulate to ONDCP to get a HIDTA designation is	
	46:8 the area being considered for a designation has to	
	46:9 affect the rest of the nation with drug	
	46:10 trafficking.	
	46:11 It can't just be a localized drug	
	46:12 problem. You have to articulate how it has	
	46:13 international or national implications and affects	
	46:14 the rest of the nation with drug trafficking.	
	46:15 In other words, you have to be able to	
	46:16 articulate how drug trafficking organizations are	
	46:17 operating in that area that have tentacles in other	
	46:18 locations, basically.	
46:19 - 47:14	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:58)	VM12a.11
	46:19 Q. So what are the benefits of participation	
	46:20 in a HIDTA program? I mean, it sounds like funding	
	46:21 is one.	
	46:22 A. Funding is one, but the information sharing	
	46:23 between the federal, state and local agencies	
	46:24 working together as one unified task force brings	
	47:1 all of their assets together and enhances their	
	47:2 ability to investigate.	
	47:3 Many times for example, a local	
	47:4 agency that's such as Huntington, for an	
	47:5 example, that's experiencing a horrendous drug	
	47:6 problem may not have the ability to follow up with	
	47:7 a lot of the drug trafficking organizations that	
	47:8 are operating outside of their scope of area, so by	
	47:9 bringing the federal agencies - the DEA, the FBI	
	47:10 and the State Police - in together, working	
	47:11 together as a unified task force, brings the	
	47:12 resources of all those agencies together, allows	

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	47:13 them to follow up on investigations out of state,	
	47:14 even out of country, if necessary.	
47:15 - 47:20	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:18)	VM12a.12
	47:15 Q. What is the mission of Appalachia HIDTA?	
	47:16 A. To dismantle drug trafficking	
	47:17 organizations, paraphrasing. Basically all of our	
	47:18 funding is supposed to go to the dismantlement or	
	47:19 disruption of drug trafficking organizations that	
	47:20 are affecting the designated area.	
51:13 - 51:19	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:22)	VM12a.13
	51:13 Q. So what is the geographic reach of	
	51:14 Appalachia HIDTA currently?	
	51:15 A. We have 90 counties that are designated in	
	51:16 our four states, 20 of which are in West Virginia	
	51:17 that are designated as HIDTA that we are allowed to	
	51:18 provide funding to or expend our funds in those	
	51:19 counties.	
59:19 - 59:21	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:15)	VM12a.14
	59:19 Q. So Mr. Brown, has there ever been a time	
	59:20 when the abuse of illegal drugs was not a problem	
	59:21 in the Appalachia HIDTA region?	
59:23 - 60:17	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:55)	VM12a.15
	59:23 A. Not in my career, no.	
	59:24 Q. And when you say not in your career, what	
	60:1 year are you starting that?	
	60:2 A. Well, as far back as I'm aware, there's	
	60:3 always been drug problems. We've never been a	
	60:4 drug-free Appalachia, I don't think, since my	
	60:5 birth. So it was certainly in my professional	
	60:6 experience, there's always been a drug problem.	
	60:7 Q. What about in Cabell County? Do you know	
	60:8 when there's ever been a time when the abuse of	
	60:9 illegal drugs was not a problem in Cabell County?	
	60:10 A. I don't have direct knowledge of that.	
	60:11 Obviously, I think like every area in Appalachia,	
	60:12 there's always been a drug problem; it's just that	
	60:13 different types, obviously, emerge and come to	
	60:14 light more so than others.	
	60:15 Q. And would that also be true for the City of	
	60:16 Huntington?	

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66:14 - 66:15	60:17 A. Yes, I would think so, yes.  Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:09)	VM12a.16
00.11	66:14 Q. All right. Let's take a look at the	
	66:15 Exhibit 2, which is the 2000 Annual Report, please.	
68:20 - 69:03	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:23)	VM12a.17
	68:20 Q. And it says "The three states that	
	68:21 constitute the Appalachia HIDTA are experiencing an	
	68:22 increase in the methamphetamine threat."	
	68:23 A. Yes.	
	68:24 Q. "An upsurge in methamphetamine seizures and	
	69:1 lab discoveries have also been reported in Kentucky	
	69:2 and" in "West Virginia."	
	69:3 A. Yes.	
69:04 - 69:06	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:12)	VM12a.18
	69:4 Q. So is it your understanding then that	
	69:5 methamphetamine posed a threat to Appalachia HIDTA	
	69:6 as far back as 2000?	
69:08 - 70:16	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:53)	VM12a.19
	69:8 A. That is correct. Methamphetamine, we had a	
	69:9 severe problem with the small one-step labs.	
	69:10 During that time, a lot of individuals were making	
	69:11 their own meth because of the ease and the	
	69:12 availability of the precursors that they could	
	69:13 assemble those products with.	
	69:14 Now with legislation that's occurred	
	69:15 over the years, that has been curtailed, but we see	
	69:16 an influx of powder methamphetamine now from the	
	69:17 southwest border, obviously it's overtaking this	
	69:18 threat that's mentioned in this document.	
	69:19 Q. So to HIDTA's knowledge, when did	
	69:20 methamphetamine first become a threat?	
	69:21 A. Well, I would say prior to the HIDTA's	
	69:22 designation even. It's been an ongoing issue for	
	69:23 years and years in this region, as I said, because	
	69:24 of the ease and the availability of the precursors	
	70:1 that were that could be used to make the meth.	
	70:2 Q. And then I go ahead. I'm sorry.	
	70:3 A. There was obviously a time that that became	
	70:4 more prevalent than others. I would say, and I'm	
	70:5 just roughly five years ago with legislation in	

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	70:6 many states that removed the availability of the 70:7 precursors pretty much eradicated the one-step labs 70:8 that were occurring everywhere and that was taking 70:9 so much attention and investigative time of law 70:10 enforcement to address that threat and the danger 70:11 to the officers involved in the dismantling of the 70:12 meth labs.	
	70:13 But in the last five years, that 70:14 problem has almost went to zero as far as one-step 70:15 labs. It's all imported methamphetamine from the	
71:04 - 71:12	70:16 southwest border now.  Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:36)  71:4 Q. And has I think you've told me this, but	VM12a.20
	71:5 has meth in one form or another been a threat in 71:6 the Appalachia HIDTA region from before Appalachia 71:7 HIDTA was created through today? 71:8 A. Yes.	
	<ul><li>71:9 Q. And the defendants in this case - Cardinal,</li><li>71:10 McKesson and AmerisourceBergen - do not distribute</li><li>71:11 methamphetamine, correct?</li><li>71:12 A. Correct.</li></ul>	
72:13 - 73:06	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:03)  72:13 Q. So is it Appalachia HIDTA's understanding 72:14 that imported cocaine and crack cocaine were 72:15 threats facing the Appalachia HIDTA region as far 72:16 back as 2001?  72:17 A. Yes. I would say so. 72:18 Q. What about before 2001? Were cocaine 72:19 imported cocaine and crack cocaine threats in the 72:20 Appalachia HIDTA region? 72:21 A. They were. Obviously before my time with 72:22 the program, but obviously they were indeed 72:23 problems, yes. 72:24 Q. All right. So has cocaine and crack 73:1 cocaine, have they been threats continuously since 73:2 at least 2001 until the present? 73:3 A. Yes. 73:4 Q. And same question I asked you before. The 73:5 defendants in this case don't distribute cocaine? 73:6 A. Correct.	VM12a.21

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81:18 - 81:23	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:22) 81:18 Q. Okay. And do you know whether your 81:19 experience in Kentucky would I mean, do you know 81:20 what the main drug threat was in Huntington and 81:21 Cabell County in 2000? The main prescription drug 81:22 threat in 2000?	VM12a.22
84:01 - 84:14	81:23 A. I do not.  Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:44)  84:1 Q. There's a reference in this 2000 Annual  84:2 Report to doctor shopping. Are you familiar is  84:3 that a term you're familiar with?  84:4 A. Yes.  84:5 Q. What does that mean?  84:6 A. It's where an individual will go to  84:7 multiple doctors to obtain prescription medication  84:8 for either diversion or for consumption themselves.  84:9 Q. And is it illegal for is it illegal for  84:10 a for someone to doctor shop  84:11 A. Yes.  84:12 Q to obtain controlled prescription  84:13 medications?	VM12a.23
109:09 - 109:10	84:14 A. Yes. <b>Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:08)</b> 109:9 Let's go back to Exhibit 2, please,	VM12a.24
109:23 - 111:03	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:37)  109:23 Q. Okay. And it says the last sentence of 109:24 that paragraph. "the Mexican marijuana 110:1 trafficking organizations are heavily involved in 110:2 the importation and distribution of cocaine and 110:3 methamphetamine and, at times, heroin." 110:4 Did I read that correctly? 110:5 A. Yes. 110:6 Q. So heroin was present in Appalachia HIDTA 110:7 region as far back as 2000? 110:8 A. Certainly. 110:9 Q. And what about before 2000? 110:10 A. Certainly it was. 110:11 Q. And so at this time, it was HIDTA's 110:12 understanding that heroin was being trafficked into	VM12a.25

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	110:13 the region by Mexican trafficking organizations? 110:14 A. According to the assessment in this	
	110:15 document, yes.	
	110:16 Q. And those are criminal organizations, true?	
	110:17 A. Correct.	
	110:18 Q. So that would be heroin that was trafficked	
	110:19 into the region by criminal organizations from	
	110:20 another country? 110:21 A. Correct.	
	110:22 Q. And heroin is an opioid, isn't it? 110:23 A. Yes.	
	110:24 Q. And it's an illegal opioid?	
	111:1 A. Correct.	
	111:2 Q. And the defendants in this case don't	
	111:3 distribute heroin. True?	
111:06 - 111:10	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:14)	VM12a.26
	111:6 A. Correct.	
	111:7 Q. Correct? So the defendants in this case	
	111:8 wouldn't are not the source of the heroin that	
	111:9 ended up in the Appalachia HIDTA region. True?	
	111:10 A. True.	
111:18 - 112:12	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:18)	VM12a.27
	111:18 Q. Do you have Exhibit 28 in front of you,	
	111:19 Mr. Brown?	
	111:20 A. I do.	
	111:21 Q. And this is the 2010 HIDTA Annual Report?	
	111:22 A. Yes.	
	111:23 Q. So if you'll turn to page 8	
	111:24 A. I'm there.	
	112:1 Q toward the bottom of that page, second	
	112:2 to the bottom paragraph, it says, "While heroin 112:3 poses a low overall threat to the Appalachia HIDTA	
	112:4 region, it represents a serious threat in select	
	112:5 Appalachia HIDTA areas. The threat posed by black	
	112:6 tar heroin is significant in the Huntington and	
	112:7 Charleston, West Virginia areas and will likely	
	112:8 increase throughout" "HIDTA."	
	112:9 So it was is it it was HIDTA's	
	112:10 understanding that heroin was a significant threat	
	112:11 to the City of Huntington as early as 2010?	

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407:44 407:46	112:12 A. Yes, according to this, that's correct.	V/M12a 20
127:14 - 127:16	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:13)	VM12a.28
	127:14 Q. Do you have any firsthand knowledge about	
	127:15 what drugs the current heroin users started on?	
407.00 100.04	127:16 A. No.	VM12a.29
127:22 - 128:04	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:16)	V IVI I ∠a.∠3
	127:22 Q. And what is it in these documents that you	
	127:23 can point me to that tells us what drugs people	
	127:24 started on versus what drugs they're on now?	
	128:1 A. I don't have any information that what they	
	128:2 started on and what they're using now. I don't	
	128:3 think that's articulated in these documents	
131:23 - 132:02	128:4 anywhere.	VM12a.30
131.23 - 132.02	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:16)	¥ I¥I 1 2 4.00
	131:23 Q. So as you sit here today, can you point us	
	131:24 to anything in the documents produced by HIDTA that	
	132:1 would tell us what drugs someone started on versus	
132:05 - 132:07	132:2 what drugs they're on today?	VM12a.31
102.00 - 102.01	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:02)	¥ III 1 2 4.0 :
	132:5 A. I cannot	
	132:6 Q. Go ahead.	
133:20 - 133:23	132:7 A place.  Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:15)	VM12a.32
100.20 100.20	133:20 Q. And we've talked about the fact that	
	133:20 Q. And we've talked about the fact that  133:21 the heroin is or a source of heroin is	
	133:22 Mexican drug trafficking organizations. True?	
	133:23 A. Yes.	
134:24 - 135:02	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:06)	VM12a.33
-	134:24 Q. And the distributor defendants don't	
	135:1 distribute heroin. True?	
	135:2 A. Correct.	
136:08 - 136:19	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:53)	VM12a.34
	136:8 Q. Do you have any reason to doubt the	
	136:9 accuracy of any of the these strategic the	
	136:10 Threat Assessments or the strategic reports that	
	136:11 HIDTA has produced in this case?	
	136:12 A. I do not.	
	136:13 Q. So we can rely on the information in these	
	136:14 reports as being accurate?	
	136:15 A. To the best of my knowledge, yes.	

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	<ul> <li>136:16 Q. And to the best of HIDTA's knowledge?</li> <li>136:17 A. Yes.</li> <li>136:18 Q. And then if you'll take a look at Exhibit</li> <li>136:19 Annual Penart</li> </ul>	
136:24 - 138:06	136:19 38, please, which is the 2015 Annual Report. <b>Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:02:03)</b>	VM12a.35
	136:24 A. Okay.	
	137:1 Q. All right. Page 4.	
	137:2 A. All right.	
	137:3 Q. So this tells us - and I'm in the first	
	137:4 paragraph after the chart, the last sentence -	
	137:5 "While the threat posed by heroin has plagued West	
	137:6 Virginia since as early as 2007, all across the	
	137:7 AHIDTA area, law enforcement are faced with the	
	137:8 wreckage heroin trafficking and abuse has on their	
	137:9 jurisdiction." 137:10 So from this report, we know that	
	137:10 So from this report, we know that 137:11 heroin has been a threat in West Virginia since as	
	137:11 heroit has been a tilleat in west virginia since as 137:12 early as 2007, correct?	
	137:13 A. Yes.	
	137:14 Q. And that at least as of 2015, law	
	137:15 enforcement are faced with the wreckage heroin	
	137:16 traffic and abuse has on their jurisdiction.	
	137:17 Correct?	
	137:18 A. Yes.	
	137:19 Q. And then the last sentence on page 4 says,	
	137:20 "Over the years, however, trafficking and abuse of	
	137:21 heroin has made its presence known throughout the	
	137:22 region, leaving AHIDTA AOR with an overall 'opioid'	
	137:23 threat that is devastating the communities.	
	137:24 First, what is AOR?	
	138:1 A. Area of responsibility.	
	138:2 Q. All right. So this report, the 2015 Annual	
	138:3 Report, attributes a significant portion of the	
	138:4 opioid crisis to illegally-trafficked heroin. 138:5 True?	
	138:6 A. Yes.	
144:05 - 144:16	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:36)	VM12a.36
	144:5 Q. Okay. So we've talked a lot about heroin.	
	144:6 Let's turn now to fentanyl. So illicit fentanyl is	
	144:7 is illicit fentanyl a threat in the Appalachia	

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	<ul> <li>144:8 HIDTA Region?</li> <li>144:9 A. Yes.</li> <li>144:10 Q. And is it true that illegal street fentanyl</li> <li>144:11 is trafficked by drug trafficking or by criminal</li> <li>144:12 drug organizations?</li> <li>144:13 A. Yes.</li> <li>144:14 Q. All right. Not by the defendants in this</li> <li>144:15 case?</li> </ul>	
	144:16 A. Correct.	
145:02 - 145:10	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:46)  145:2 Q. All right. But fentanyl has been a threat  145:3 in the Appalachia HIDTA Region for at least the  145:4 past eight to ten years?  145:5 A. I would say it's been present, yes. At  145:6 least that amount of time. Maybe maybe longer.  145:7 Q. All right. And if you will look at  145:8 document Exhibit 54, which is the this is a  145:9 document entitled "Appalachia HIDTA State of West  145:10 Virginia Joint Fentanyl Project Report."	VM12a.37
145:16 - 145:23	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:20)	VM12a.38
	<ul> <li>145:16 A. Okay.</li> <li>145:17 Q. Are you familiar with the Joint Fentanyl</li> <li>145:18 Project?</li> <li>145:19 A. Yes. Yes.</li> <li>145:20 Q. What is that?</li> <li>145:21 A. Well, it's a project that the intel center</li> <li>145:22 put together explaining, basically, where we are</li> <li>145:23 with fentanyl in today's drug threat.</li> </ul>	
146:23 - 147:23	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:12)  146:23 Q. All right. So then let's look at the  146:24 Executive Summary which is on a page that's not  147:1 numbered. It's the second page of the document  147:2 after the title page.  147:3 A. Okay, I'm there.  147:4 Q. And it says that in the first paragraph,  147:5 "The heroin epidemic has led to the introduction of  147:6 clandestinely produced fentanyl mixed in with"  147:7 "heroin which has resulted in increased overdose  147:8 deaths. The majority of drug users throughout the  147:9 state don't realize that fentanyl is being mixed in	VM12a.39

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	147:10 with the heroin by cartels in Mexico."	
	147:11 So it's Appalachia HIDTA's	
	147:12 understanding that cartels in Mexico are	
	147:13 responsible for mixing fentanyl with heroin and	
	147:14 trafficking into West Virginia?	
	147:15 A. That was the assessment by these two	
	147:16 analysts that prepared this document. Which	
	147:17 Q. Do you have	
	147:18 A is accurate. There may be other	
	147:19 sources, but this is one that they have articulated	
	147:20 as being one of the major sources.	
	147:21 Q. All right. And you don't have any reason	
	147:22 to disagree with that?	
	147:23 A. I don't.	
148:08 - 148:17	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:38)	VM12a.40
	148:8 Q. And then farther down, it says - the second	
	148:9 to the last paragraph on that page - "Fentanyl	
	148:10 trafficking in West Virginia is a significant issue	
	148:11 in the larger metropolitan areas," and it says, "In	
	148:12 the five largest cities," including Huntington,	
	148:13 "task force officers are purchasing heroin mixed	
	148:14 with fentanyl."	
	148:15 So Appalachia HIDTA was aware as early	
	148:16 as 2016 that fentanyl was a problem in Huntington?	
148:19 - 148:19	148:17 True?	VM12a.41
140.13 - 140.19	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:01) 148:19 A. Yes.	VIII 120.41
157:21 - 158:07	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:37)	VM12a.42
107.21 100.07	157:21 Q. Okay. I asked you a couple of questions	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	157:22 ago about the Fentanyl Response Strategy and	
	157:23 whether it was initiated because of an increase in	
	157:24 fentanyl use and deaths, and you're aware, aren't	
	158:1 you, that the Appalachia HIDTA region has	
	158:2 experienced an increase in deaths by fentanyl?	
	158:3 A. Yes.	
	158:4 Q. Isn't that true?	
	158:5 A. Yes.	
	158:6 Q. And the data supports that?	
	158:7 A. Correct.	
159:09 - 159:09	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:03)	VM12a.43

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	159:9 Q. Okay. Let's look at Exhibit 53.	
159:16 - 159:23	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:31)	VM12a.44
	159:16 Q. Do you have that in front of you?	
	159:17 A. Yes.	
	159:18 Q. So this is an e-mail dated April 13, 2018	
	159:19 from Yolanda Sowards at Appalachia HIDTA to Michael	
	159:20 Kilkenny. Do you know Yolanda Sowards?	
	159:21 A. I do. She is the current public health	
	159:22 analyst assigned to the Overdose Response Strategy	
	159:23 with Appalachia HIDTA.	
160:10 - 160:13	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:18)	VM12a.45
	160:10 Q. Well, it appears that Ms. Sowards is	
	160:11 communicating drug overdose statistics for Cabell	
	160:12 County. Is that correct?	
	•	
163:01 - 163:11	160:13 A. Yes, it appears to be so, yes.  Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:36)	VM12a.46
100.01	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
	163:1 Q. Right. So we know that well, it tells	
	163:2 us, there are 183 All Drug Overdose Deaths in 2017	
	163:3 in Cabell County, 166 of those had at least one	
	163:4 opioid, and then it appears that 145 of those	
	163:5 overdose deaths involved fentanyl.	
	163:6 A. Exactly.	
	163:7 Q. True?	
	163:8 A. Yes.	
	163:9 Q. And 62 of those overdose deaths involved	
	163:10 heroin. True?	
100 10 100 10	163:11 A. Correct.	1/844.0- 47
169:16 - 169:18	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:10)	VM12a.47
	169:16 Q. Are there people abusing heroin or other	
	169:17 illicit opioids today that started with heroin and	
	169:18 never used prescription opioids?	
169:20 - 169:24	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:14)	VM12a.48
	169:20 A. I have no way of knowing that precisely. I	
	169:21 don't have any direct information of that.	
	169:22 Q. Is that I think we've talked about this	
	169:23 already. That's not data that Appalachia HIDTA	
	169:24 keeps, what	
170:02 - 170:03	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:05)	VM12a.49
	170:2 Q what drug people started on and what	
	170:3 drug they are on today?	
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Page/Line Source ID  170:07 - 170:10 Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:18) VM12a.50  170:7 A. Correct. I have no way of knowing. 170:8 Q. And are there people abusing prescription 170:9 opioids today who were never prescribed opioids 170:10 lawfully?  170:12 - 170:15 Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:09) VM12a.51  170:12 A. I don't have any direct information to 170:13 that. I'm my personal opinion is I'm sure there 170:14 are, but I have no direct knowledge of that or 170:15 information related to that.  171:21 - 172:18 Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:53) VM12a.52  171:21 Q. All right, Mr. Brown, I want to talk with 171:22 you for a few minutes about HIDTA funding. 171:23 A. Okay. 171:24 Q. You told me earlier that HIDTA is funded by 172:1 the Office of National Drug Control Policy? 172:2 A. Correct. 172:3 Q. Is that true? 172:4 A. Yes. 172:5 Q. Does all of HIDTA does 100 percent of 172:6 HIDTAs of Appalachia HIDTA's come from the 172:7 Office of National Drug Control Policy?		VM12a-Brown, Vic - Merged DC PComp 5-27-21 330p	
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1/2:8 A. It does.		172:8 A. It does.	
172:9 Q. Is do you receive does Appalachia		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	
172:10 HIDTA receive any state funding?		·	
172:11 A. We do not.			
172:12 Q. Any local funding?		•	
172:13 A. No. No other source other than Office of			
172:14 National Drug Control Policy.		,	
172:15 Q. All right. So the City of Huntington and			
172:16 Cabell County have not contributed to HIDTA		•	
172:17 Appalachia HIDTA funding?			
172:18 A. No.	100.00 100.10		\/##40 - F0
193:02 - 193:13 Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:31) VM12a.53	193:02 - 193:13	•	VIVI12a.53
193:2 Q. So we discussed earlier the Huntington Drug			
193:3 Task Force			
193:4 A. Yes.			
193:5 Q correct?			
193:6 A. Yes.			
193:7 Q. What was HIDTA's role in the FBI version of		193:7 Q. What was HIDTA's role in the FBI version of	

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	402:0 that took force?	
	193:8 that task force? 193:9 A. Well, our role is the same in any	
	193:10 initiative, is to provide funding to the initiative	
	193:11 to provide overtime funds for the purchase of	
	193:12 evidence, funds for travel or funds for equipment	
	193:13 and training.	
193:14 - 193:15	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:03)	VM12a.54
	193:14 It's the same for all of our task	
	193:15 forces.	
211:16 - 211:18	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:09)	VM12a.55
	211:16 Q. Mr. Brown, if you would turn to	
	211:17 Exhibit 47, which is the 2019 HIDTA Drug Threat	
	211:18 Assessment.	
212:07 - 212:23	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:51)	VM12a.56
	212:7 Q. You got it?	
	212:8 A. Yes.	
	212:9 Q. All right. Would you please turn to page	
	212:10 5, the Executive Summary?	
	212:11 A. Okay.	
	212:12 Q. All right. And in the third bullet point	
	212:13 on page 5, it says "Crystal methamphetamine (ICE)	
	212:14 continues to be one of the largest threats in the	
	212:15 AHIDTA area. In 2018, the AHIDTA seized more than	
	212:16 500 kilograms of ICE, an increase of nearly 82	
	212:17 percent over 2017."	
	212:18 Did I read that correctly?	
	212:19 A. Yes.	
	212:20 Q. So according to Appalachia HIDTA, crystal 212:21 meth is one of the largest current threats in the	
	212:22 Appalachia HIDTA Region. True?	
	212:23 A. Yes.	
234:04 - 234:17	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:43)	VM12a.57
	234:4 Q. Is there anything	
	234:5 about the location of the Appalachia HIDTA Region	
	234:6 or its nature - economics, anything - that makes it	
	234:7 uniquely susceptible to illegal drugs?	
	234:8 A. Oh, it's a poorer area, obviously. Most of	
	234:9 the Appalachia region is one of the poorest in the	
	234:10 nation. A lot of unemployment. A lot of	
	234:11 disability cases. Many of those disability cases,	

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	234:12 when they occurred, they were put on opioids, and	
	234:13 some of those resulted into addiction.	
	234:14 I think it's just a it's a lot of	
	234:15 things perfect storm came together for the	
	234:16 Appalachian region to be one of the hardest areas	
	234:17 hit in the nation for its use.	
235:02 - 235:03	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:08)	VM12a.58
	235:2 Q. Let's look quickly at the	
	235:3 Exhibit 18, which is the 2006 Annual Report.	
236:08 - 237:12	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:53)	VM12a.59
	236:8 Q. All right. And then on page 10, the	
	236:9 paragraph before Section 5 says, "The rural	
	236:10 counties of the AHIDTA Region are plagued by high	
	236:11 rates of unemployment, poverty, adult illiteracy,	
	236:12 fragmented families, teenage pregnancy, public	
	236:13 corruption and an established tradition of	
	236:14 bootlegging moonshine. Due to these conditions,	
	236:15 illicit drug activities are sometimes accepted and	
	236:16 even encouraged by members of the local population,	
	236:17 a situation similar to that found in	
	236:18 poverty-stricken inner city areas."	
	236:19 Did I read that correctly?	
	236:20 A. Yes.	
	236:21 Q. All right. So this is from 2006. But is	
	236:22 it your understanding that those conditions have	
	236:23 persisted until today?	
	236:24 A. I would agree with that. And yes, mostly	
	237:1 it all still holds true to today.	
	237:2 Q. All right. And those conditions make the	
	237:3 Appalachia HIDTA region susceptible to illegal drug	
	237:4 activity?	
	237:5 A. I certainly believe that's one of the	
	237:6 factors that do contribute to that, yes.	
	237:7 Q. All right. And those factors have nothing	
	237:8 to do with the defendants in this case?	
	237:19 A. Correct.	
	237:10 Q. All right. And then let's look quickly at	
	237:11 Exhibit 47, which is the 2019 Drug Threat	
237:23 - 238:13	237:12 Assessment.  Proving Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:52)	VM12a.60
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	227-22 O Okay Ca naga 9 Bight offer	
	237:24 undernanth Appeloakie HIDTA Congrephie Area	
	237:24 underneath Appalachia HIDTA Geographic Area 238:1 A. Yes.	
	238:2 Q it says that the Appalachia "The	
	238:3 Appalachia HIDTA states are geographically situated	
	238:4 within easy driving distance to an abundance of	
	238:5 major metropolitan areas throughout the eastern,	
	238:6 southeastern and midwest regions of the United	
	238:7 States. The ease of access by roadway into,	
	238:8 throughout and out of major cities known to be	
	238:9 significant drug distribution points in the United	
	238:10 States creates an ideal situation for DTOs to	
	238:11 conduct business in the AHIDTA region."	
	238:12 Did I read that correctly?	
	238:13 A. Yes.	
239:10 - 239:17	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:34)	VM12a.61
	239:10 Q. So is it true that it is Appalachia HI	
	239:11 Appalachia HIDTA's understanding that the proximity	
	239:12 of Appalachia HIDTA to multiple known drug	
	239:13 distribution points is a factor that contributes to	
	239:14 illegal drug activity in the region?	
	239:15 A. Yes, it is a factor.	
	239:16 Q. And those are conditions that have nothing 239:17 to do with the defendants in this case. True?	
239:19 - 239:19	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:01)	VM12a.62
	239:19 A. Yes.	
255:01 - 255:16	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:49)	VM12a.63
	255:1 Q. And do we have a time frame that we could	
	255:2 give for this migration of pills from Florida into	
	255:3 Appalachia?	
	255:4 A. Well, like I said, we worked when I was	
	255:5 working with the Kentucky State Police - and since	
	255:6 I have been at HIDTA - all of our initiatives and	
	255:7 agencies have worked well with surrounding states	
	255:8 to address the issue.	
	255:9 I think early 2000s up and through	
	255:10 2010-2012, we had numerous individuals from all	
	255:11 Appalachian states traveling not only to Florida,	
	255:12 but to Georgia, to Tennessee, to any other	
	255:13 jurisdiction where they could circumvent their own	

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	255:14 state's prescription monitoring program to obtain 255:15 prescription medication and thereby bring back and	
260:20 - 262:18	255:16 divert those.  Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:02:31)	VM12a.64
	260:20 Q. We will turn now to Exhibit 5, which is the	
	260:21 2001 Threat Assessment.	
	260:22 A. Okay, I have that.	
	260:23 Q. Okay. And we are going to start so once	
	260:24 again in 2001, at this time, the principal mission	
	261:1 of AHIDTA was to focus on marijuana issues, but you	
	261:2 did include all drug trends in your report?	
	261:3 A. That's correct.	
	261:4 Q. Okay. And so on page 4 of the document, in	
	261:5 the paragraph that begins, "The abuse and resale	
	261:6 for abuse of prescription medications within the 261:7 Appalachia HIDTA is also a significant problem."	
	261:8 And then it goes on to talk about,	
	261:9 "Investigative agencies within the three states	
	261:10 target physicians who prescribe medications to	
	261:11 abusers who "doctor shop.""	
	261:12 Now, West Virginia's one of those	
	261:13 states, right?	
	261:14 A. That's correct, yes.	
	261:15 Q. And this is still a significant problem in	
	261:16 2001?	
	261:17 A. Yes.	
	261:18 Q. The at the end of that paragraph, "The	
	261:19 "patients" sell the controlled substance "on the 261:20 streets" for incredible profits, and abuse the	
	261:21 substances themselves."	
	261:22 Was that a trend that was known to be	
	261:23 going on in the Appalachia HIDTA Region in 2000 and	
	261:24 2001?	
	262:1 A. It was, yes.	
	262:2 Q. Do you have an idea of the scale of the	
	262:3 problem at that time in terms of what it would have	
	262:4 been like in the years prior?	
	262:5 A. Well, that's during the time that it was	
	262:6 actually starting to grow exponentially. I would	
	262:7 say this was the still in the beginning stages	

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Page/Line Source  262:8 before it climaxed in 2010 or so, plus or minus a 262:9 year. 262:10 But it was certainly a pervasive	
262:9 year.	ID
262:11 problem. The reason the profits were exponential 262:12 was most of these prescriptions were paid for by 262:13 Medicaid/Medicare, so therefore when they were sold 262:14 on the street, it was 100 percent profit for the 262:15 individual selling it. 262:16 Q. And were these prolifically available for 262:17 sale on the illicit market? 262:18 A. They were, yes, very much so.  Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:29) 263:19 Q. Now, when counsel for McKesson asked you 263:20 questions earlier about whether there was any 263:21 connection that AHIDTA had ever found between 263:22 prescription medications and heroin do you 263:23 remember those questions? 263:24 A. I do. 264:1 Q. Did she show you anything in the documents 264:2 where AHIDTA reported on that connection? 264:3 A. Not that I recall, no, sir. 264:4 Q. As far as to what types of prescription 264:5 medications are being abused, did you recall that 264:6 I guess we did have some questions that singled 264:7 out the opioid, right? 264:8 A. I believe so. I don't remember the exact 264:9 dialogue, but yes. 264:10 Q. Well, let's go to page 3 of the document, 264:11 and it's talking about under the section of 264:12 major Number of Major Drug Trafficking 264:13 Organizations. And then the fifth paragraph down	VM12a.65

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	264:23 HIDTA, there are also a significant and growing 264:24 problem," yes.	
285:13 - 285:19	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:24)	VM12a.66
	285:13 Q. You were asked questions about some	
	285:14 some of these reports and what's in them, and I	
	285:15 want to just go back and make sure that we're all	
	285:16 not not missing anything.	
	285:17 You were asked about this is Exhibit	
	285:18 2, the 2000 Annual Report. 285:19 A. Yes.	
286:09 - 288:05	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:02:42)	VM12a.67
	286:9 Q. And in fact, this says that, "The three	
	286:10 states that constitute the Appalachia HIDTA are	
	286:11 experiencing increase in the methamphetamine	
	286:12 threat. Authorities" report authorities in	
	286:13 Tennessee report that the availability of	
	286:14 methamphetamine in their state has increased	
	286:15 ten-fold over the past several years. An upsurge	
	286:16 in methamphetamine seizures and lab discoveries has	
	286:17 also been reported in Kentucky and West Virginia."	
	286:18 I read that accurately, didn't I?	
	286:19 A. Yes.	
	286:20 Q. All right. And under Trends, it also	
	286:21 discuss another trend that was seen was Global	
	286:22 Influences. " Mexican marijuana trafficking	
	286:23 organizations are heavily involved in the	
	286:24 importation and distribution of cocaine and	
	287:1 methamphetamine and, at times, heroin." 287:2 A. That's correct.	
	287:3 Q. Correct?	
	287:4 A. Yes.	
	287:5 Q. So those were all trends that Appalachia	
	287:6 HIDTA was seeing in 2000?	
	287:7 A. That's correct.	
	287:8 Q. Correct, sir?	
	287:9 All right. And then if you were	
	287:10 asked some questions about Exhibit 5, which is the	
	287:11 2001 Threat Assessment	
	287:12 A. Okay, I have that.	
	287:13 Q. All right. And you were asked questions	

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/ Page/Line	287:14 about the prescription drug parts, but on page 4, 287:15 this report tells us that other than marijuana 287:16 and I guess page page 3 talks about the issues 287:17 with marijuana.  287:18 And then on page 4, it says, "Other 287:19 than marijuana, cocaine and crack cocaine 287:20 constitute the major drugs seized in Appalachia 287:21 HIDTA with a combination percentage of 51%. Crack 287:22 cocaine, in particular, first infiltrates 287:23 metropolitan areas and then infiltrates more rural 287:24 areas."  288:1 So at this time, marijuana, cocaine and 288:2 crack cocaine are major drugs of issue in 288:3 Appalachia HIDTA region. Correct?  288:4 A. That is correct. 2001, that's that was	II V
	288:5 the case, yes.	
288:15 - 288:19	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:14)	VM12a.68
	288:15 Q. All right. And then if you'll look look 288:16 at Exhibit 28 which you were also asked about the 288:17 opioid portion of that this is the Calendar Year 288:18 2010 Annual Report 288:19 A. Okay.	
288:23 - 290:06	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:45)	VM12a.69
	288:23 Q this tells us you were asked about 288:24 the prescription opioid part, but it also tells us 289:1 in the third paragraph and this is 2 what did 289:2 we say? 2009 Threat Assessment. 289:3 "After declining in scope in recent 289:4 years, methamphetamine production is again on the 289:5 rise. The increase is largely the result of 289:6 individuals and criminal groups adapting to state 289:7 and federal pseudoephedrine sales restrictions and 289:8 obtaining the quantities of the essential chemical 289:9 necessary to produce their desired amount of" meth. 289:10 After a 44 percent reduction in lab seizures" 289:11 "from" 2006 to 2007 Appalachia HIDTA "state and 289:12 local law enforcement agencies in" 2008 289:13 "experienced a 45 percent increase in clandestine 289:14 laboratory related hazards, encountering those 289:15 hazards" on "average of seven times a week."	

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y Fage/Line	289:16 Correct, sir? 289:17 A. Yes. 289:18 Q. And then it also says that, "While heroin 289:19 poses a low overall threat to the Appalachia HIDTA 289:20 region, it represents a serious threat in select 289:21 Appalachia HIDTA regions" including Huntington. 289:22 So at this time, in addition to meth, 289:23 heroin is also a threat. 289:24 A. Correct. 290:1 Q. Correct, sir? 290:2 A. Yes. 290:3 Q. And crack cocaine, according to this 290:4 report, poses a significant threat to the	Ju Y
	290:5 Appalachia HIDTA region. Correct, sir?	
292:03 - 292:09	290:6 A. Yes. In some areas.  Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:37)	VM12a.70
292:24 - 293:20	292:3 Q. And then you were asked about the 2019 Drug 292:4 Threat Assessment which is Exhibit 47 292:5 A. Yes. 292:6 Q. And that report, page 5, tells us that 292:7 crystal meth continues to be one of the largest 292:8 threats in the Appalachia HIDTA Region. Correct? 292:9 A. It does, yes.  Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:11) 292:24 Q. "The AHIDTA region continues to face 293:1 considerable threats from cocaine, fentanyl and 293:2 marijuana/cannabis - to include cannabis-derived 293:3 products, THC edibles and CBD." 293:4 A. Yes. 293:5 Q. That was a finding of Appalachia HIDTA in 293:6 2019, correct? 293:7 A. Yes. 293:8 Q. And you were asked about the fact that 293:9 there is a section in the emerging threats portion 293:10 of the 2019 report that deals with controlled 293:11 prescription drugs. And to be fair, there are also 293:12 sections in the Emerging Threats portion of the 293:13 2019 report that deals with crystal meth, on page 293:14 12 true?	VM12a.71

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	293:16 Q. And there's a section on page 15 that deals	
	293:17 with cocaine as an emerging threat?	
	293:18 A. Correct.	
	293:19 Q. True?	
	293:20 A. Yes.	
298:13 - 298:16	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:10)	VM12a.72
	298:13 Q. How many pills distributed by the	
	298:14 defendants in this case were diverted in Huntington	
	298:15 or Cabell County?	
	298:16 A. I'd have no idea.	
298:18 - 299:12	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:01:20)	VM12a.73
	298:18 Q. And can you identify a single shipment of	
	298:19 opioid pills by the distributors in this case that	
	298:20 was diverted in a HIDTA region?	
	298:21 A. No, I cannot.	
	298:22 Q. And in looking at these Annual Reports	
	298:23 well, you've told us that heroin has always been a	
	298:24 threat in the Appalachia HIDTA region. True?	
	299:1 A. Yes.	
	299:2 Q. And heroin was a threat in the Appalachia	
	299:3 HIDTA region before the increase in prescription	
	299:4 opioid diversion and abuse that you've described	
	299:5 today. True?	
	299:6 A. Yes. True.	
	299:7 Q. And you don't know and Appalachia HIDTA	
	299:8 does not know what portion of heroin users started	
	299:9 with heroin? 299:10 A. No.	
	299:10 A. No. 299:11 Q. True?	
	299:11 Q. Hue? 299:12 A. True.	
299:18 - 300:05	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:34)	VM12a.74
200110 000100	299:18 Q. Do you know what percentage of heroin users	
	299:19 started with another illegal drug?	
	299:20 A. No, I have no idea.	
	299:21 Q. Do you know what percentage of heroin users	
	299:22 started with prescription opioids?	
	299:23 A. No.	
	299:24 Q. And the defendants in this case don't	
	300:1 distribute heroin, do they?	
	300:2 A. They do not.	
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	300:3 Q. Heroin is trafficked into Appalachia HIDTA	
	300:4 region by criminal drug trafficking organizations.	
	300:5 A. Correct.	
300:17 - 300:24	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:43)	VM12a.7
	300:17 Q. All right, thank you. And do you	
	300:18 understand that the defendants do not have any role	
	300:19 in dispensing or use of prescription opioids after	
	300:20 they reach a pharmacy?	
	300:21 A. Yes.	
	300:22 Q. And diversion both diversion and the	
	300:23 unlawful use of prescription opioids happen after	
	300:24 the defendants' role in the chain is over.	
301:03 - 301:04	Brown, Vic 07-08-2020 (00:00:04)	VM12a.7
	301:3 Q. True?	
	301:4 A. Yes.	

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